



## ***CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 100% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **SB 2 An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health, Safety**

SB 2, among other things, would require local and regional boards of education to integrate the principles and practices of social-emotional learning into programs of professional development and statements of educational goals, permit local and regional boards of education to provide instruction to high school students remotely and prohibit such boards from deeming absent a student who attends school remotely, require local and regional boards of education to permit students to take up to four mental health wellness days per school year, and require the collection of adverse childhood experiences data by local and regional boards of education and the Department of Education.

While CCM understands the importance of these issues, new mandates on local and regional boards of education further minimize instruction time and may require additional resources that some municipalities may not have access to. We ask that the Committee provide a fiscal note on these additional requirements and flexibility for implementation at the local level if further action is taken on many of these provisions.

Until the costs associated with this unfunded mandate are known and a revenue stream is identified to pay for them, we respectfully ask the Committee to oppose the proposal.

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